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CONYERS “ASTONISHED” AT BUSH ADMINISTRATION INCOMPETENCE

Today, in reaction to reports that the Immigration and Naturalization Service issued visas to September 11 hijackers, Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement:

“I have been wondering for some time whether this Administration suffers from myopia as it continues with a misguided focus in pursuit of homeland security. I am astonished that while the INS is fixated on detaining and rounding up countless Arab-Americans without any justification, it has failed to take basic steps to ensure that visas are not issued to known terrorists.

I am also disappointed that the Administration fails to take responsibility for this rank incompetence and continues to shift blame to past Administrations for Bush Administration failings. When exactly will the buck stop here for the Bush Administration?”

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